

REMARKS

Claims 1- 20 are pending in the application.

Claim 19 have been rejected.

Claim 19 has been amended. Support for this amendment can be found, at least, in paragraphs 11, 14, and 15 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-18 and 20 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for thoughtfully considering these claims.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DeKoning et al. (USPN 6,304,942) as supported by Humlicek et al. (USPN 5,822,782). Applicants have amended this claim to include the features added to claims 1, 12 and 20 in the amendment submitted on April 30, 2007. As noted on page 4 of the outstanding Office Action, this claim was not allowable due to its not incorporating the features presented in claims 1, 12, and 20. Accordingly, now that this claim has been amended, Applicants submit that the claim is allowable over the cited art for the same reasons as the other independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5087.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,



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